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Application. No. 10/772,088
Amendment A

REMARKS

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 16, 2005, Applicants elect the Group I identified as consisting of claims 1-16. Claims 17-44 of Groups II-V have been cancelled. Therefore, sixteen claims remain pending: Claims 1-16.

By way of this amendment, Applicant has made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain any outstanding issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Thomas F. Lebens, Attorney for Applicants at (805) 541-2800 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

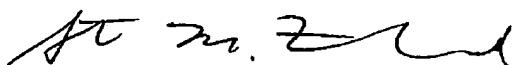
CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the above amendments place the pending claims in a condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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